
**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2016
RESOLUTION: A4**

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SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding Advocacy and HIV prevention--HIV Prevention and Mandatory Testing
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS we have developed robust and reliable testing for HIV since 1988 and

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3 WHEREAS many methods for HIV prevention are currently recognized by the medical community including safe-sex
4 practices, harm reduction practices, and immediate treatment upon diagnosis

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6 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and HIV-
7 Related Illnesses (p.106-111) be AMENDED BY STRIKE AND REPLACE to state:

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10 4. In regard to HIV testing:

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12 1. AMSA RECOGNIZES ~~the uncertain meaning of a positive anti-HIV antibody status, and the stigma attached~~
13 ~~to anti-HIV antibody seropositivity,~~ that many methods for HIV prevention are currently recognized by the
14 medical community including safe-sex practices, harm reduction practices, and immediate treatment upon
15 diagnosis and that mandatory testing is not a viable public health strategy for preventing HIV transmission;
16 (1988)

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19 Fiscal note: None

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REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE A
DISCUSSION

BOT: Vote 10-0-0; members feel that these are methods are viable option for reducing HIV transmission.

BRD: agrees with recommendation and views of BOT

PRD: N/A

IRD: adopt as written—unanimous consent

ACTE: adopt with amending; the members feel that the language in line 15 is unnecessary and has an accusatory tone

Premedical Caucus: N/A

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

PROS: No proposition testimony provided

CONS: No opposition testimony provided

REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The majority of the regions and caucuses feel that mandatory testing is a viable public health strategy to prevent HIV transmission and the language in this resolution should be amended to reflect this.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Adopt as amended:

AMSA RECOGNIZES the uncertain meaning of a positive anti-HIV antibody status, and the stigma attached to anti-HIV antibody seropositivity, that many methods for HIV prevention are currently recognized by the medical community including safer-sex practices, harm reduction practices, testing, and immediate treatment upon diagnosis and/or treatment as prevention are ~~and~~ that mandatory testing is not a viable public health strategy strategies for preventing reducing HIV transmission; (1988)